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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL, POLISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE GATOJEXPERT (TOMASZ BARTOSZEWICZ) INFORMED EMBASSY FEBRUARY 12 THAT PRELIMINIARY POLISH RESPONSE TO EC ARTICLE 24:6 OFFER WAS MADE BY POLISH CHAIRMAN LUCJAN KLUCINSKI TO EC CHAIRMAN LUYTEN IN MEETING IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 8. ABSENCE OF LUYTEN FROM GENEVA WAS CITED AS PRINCIPAL REASON FOR DELAY IN TRANSMITTING POLISH RESPONSE TO EC.

2. BARTOSZEWICZ, WHO TOOK PART IN THE FEBRUARY 8 MEETING WITH LUYTEN, SAID REPLY TO EC, IN ESSENCE, WAS THAT WHILE GOP IS NOT VERY HAPPY WITH EC OFFER, IT HAS AGREED TO
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CONSIDER IT AS BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY,

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FOURTH ROUND OF POLISH-EC NEGOTIATIONS NOW SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 18.

3. POLES REPORTEDLY TOLD LUYTEN THAT PERHAPS GOP COULD SIGN PROTOCOL WITH EC ON SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM EC ENLARGEMENT IF EC WOULD AGREE TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THESE CONDITIONS WERE SAID TO INCLUDE EC AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) BALANCE OF GAINS AND LOSSES ARISING FROM ENLARGEMENT WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

(B) POLISH BACON EXPORTS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION DURING MTN.

(C) FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR TARIFF QUOTAS.

(D) OFFER OF LIST OF BILATERAL RE-BINDINGS VIS-A-VIS POLAND, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ASSURANCE TO POLAND THAT IT WILL HAVE INITIAL NEGOTIATING RIGHTS IN MTN ON CERTAIN ITEMS (E.G., SHOES).

4. BARTOSZEWICZ SAID POLISH SIDE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED FROM WASHINGTON ON OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 24:6 ON FEBRUARY 13 BETWEEN AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND COMMISSIONER SOAMES.
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